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SUBJECT: USG RESPONSE TO BOUTEFLIKA MESSAGE AND ALGERIAN
DEMARCHE ON FRENCH MILITARY INTERVENTION IN SAHARA

REFS: (A) ALGIERS 3184; (B) STATE 307324

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1. IN RESPONSE TO FOREIGN MINISTER BOUTEFLIKA'S MESSAGE
OF DECEMBER 19 TO SECRETARY VANCE, AMBASSADOR ISINSTRUCTED
TO DELIVER FOLLOWING LETTER: BEGIN QUOTE:

MR. MINISTER:

I WAS GRATIFIED TO RECEIVE YOUR CONFIRMATION OF THE NEWS

THAT THE POLISARIO PLANNED TO RELEASE THE FRENCH PRISONERS
AND TO LEARN OF THEIR SUBSEQUENT RELEASE.

I SHARE YOUR CONCERN ABOUT THIS CONFLICT AND BELIEVE ALL PARTIES MUST INCREASE THEIR EFFORTS TO AVOID FURTHER ESCALATION OF THE FIGHTING AND WORK TOWARD A PEACEFUL SOLUTION. MY GOVERNMENT WILL CONTINUE TO FOLLOW CLOSELY EVENTS IN THE REGION AND TO ENCOURAGE ALL THOSE CONCERNED TO EXERCISE RESTRAINT SO THAT CONDITIONS CONDUCIVE TO A

PEACEFUL RESOLUTION OF THE CONFLICT MAY DEVELOP. I ENJOYED THE RECENT OPPORTUNITY TO EXCHANGE VIEWS WITH YOU ON THIS AND OTHER TOPICS OF MUTUAL INTEREST, AND I HOPE THERE WILL BE AN EARLY OPPORTUNITY FOR FURTHER DISCUSSION.
SINCERELY, CYRUS VANCE, SECRETARY OF STATE, END QUOTE.

2. WHEN PRESENTING SECRETARY'S LETTER, AMBASSADOR IS INSTRUCTED TO MAKE ORALLY FOLLOWING ADDITIONAL POINTS:

A. WHILE CONCERNED ABOUT EVOLUTION OF DEVELOPMENTS IN SAHARA CONFLICT, USG WAS NOT SURPRISED BY THE ACTION WHICH FRANCE TOOK TO PROTECT ITS CITIZENS FROM HOSTILE MILITARY FORCES.

B. USG BELIEVES ALGERIAN GOVERNMENT'S CONCERN FOR SAHARAN REFUGEES WOULD ELICIT A MORE SYMPATHETIC REACTION
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ELSEWHERE IF ALGERIAN AUTHORITIES LIBERALIZED ACCESS OF REPRESENTATIVES OF INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS TO REFUGEE CAMPS IN ALGERIA.

3. FRENCH TRANSLATION OF MESSAGE TO BOUTEFLIKA AND TALKING POINTS WILL FOLLOW BY SEPTEL.
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